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Croatia

Grain and Feed

Crop Situation Update

2005

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Report Highlights:

Croatia sowed wheat on an estimated 120,000 ha which resulted in a smaller crop of 500,000 MT. The growing season was wet with heavy rain during harvest. As a result, overall wheat quality is lower. This year's harvest, combined with government stocks of approximately 300,000 MT, will barely meet annual domestic consumption of 750,000 to 800,000 MT. Croatia will not have an exportable surplus of wheat and some imports are expected. Corn yield is expected to be good this year with an estimated 2.2 million MT from 400,000 ha. Croatia is not expected to import corn this year and may export some corn from this year's harvest. Barley was sown on an estimated 50,000 ha with a yield of 150,000 MT. This season's excessive rain affected both yield and quality. Barley imports are expected to be around 50,000 MT this year.

Includes PSD Changes: No
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Wheat

According to trade sources, farmers sowed wheat on an estimated 120,000 ha instead of the usual 200,000 ha which resulted in a smaller crop of 500,000 MT. In addition, the growing season was wet with heavy rain occurring during harvest. As a result, some grain germinated and overall wheat quality is somewhat lower than usual. Approximately 100,000 MT of this year's harvest is of feed wheat quality. The grain moisture level varies from different parts of the country but ranges from 13 to 18%. Impurities are also high from 3 - 5%. This year's production, combined with government stocks of approximately 300,000 MT, will barely meet domestic consumption of 750,000 to 800,000 MT. As a result, Croatia will not have an exportable surplus of wheat from this harvest and some imports are expected.

Corn

Corn yield is expected to be good this year with an estimated 2.2 million MT from 400,000 ha. Although rains were excessive this year, they were timed well for corn production, and even the late sowing has had minimal impact on yields. It is expected that there will be no need to import corn this year, and there is a possibility that Croatia will export some corn from this harvest.

Barley

Barley was sown on an estimated 50,000 ha with a yield of 150,000 MT. This season's excessive rain affected both yield and quality. Barley imports are expected to be around 50,000 MT this year. Most of the imported barley will go to the beer malting industry. Croatia's barley utilization includes 65,000 to 70,000 MT used for malting (brewing), 30,000 MT used for feed, 90,000 MT used for farm use, and the remainder going to different industries.

Tariffs and quota information can be found at www.carina.hr, or from the USDA/FAS office in Zagreb by contacting Andreja Misir, USDA/FAS, Agricultural Specialist, amis@inet.hr

PSD Table

Country Commodity	Croatia		Wheat		(1000 HA)(1000 MT)		Forecast	UOM
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005			
Market Year Begin	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]		MM/YYYY
		07/2003		07/2004		07/2005		
Area Harvested	195	195	200	200	150	120	(1000 HA)	
Beginning Stocks	303	291	370	320	455	320	(1000 MT)	
Production	840	840	840	840	650	500	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	103	9	100	10	150	150	(1000 MT)	
Jul-Jun Imports	103	9	100	10	150	150	(1000 MT)	
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL SUPPLY	1246	1140	1310	1170	1255	970	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	76	80	5	100	25	5	(1000 MT)	
Jul-Jun Exports	76	80	5	100	25	5	(1000 MT)	
Feed Dom. Consumption	50	40	50	50	50	100	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	800	740	850	750	850	750	(1000 MT)	
Ending Stocks	370	320	455	320	380	215	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1246	1140	1310	1170	1255	970	(1000 MT)	

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Croatia

Commodity

Corn

Market Year Begin	2003		2004		2005		Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Revised Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Estimate Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate[New]		
		10/2003		10/2004		10/2005		
Area Harvested	380	380	400	400	390	400	(1000 HA)	
Beginning Stocks	381	308	292	206	242	211	(1000 MT)	
Production	2090	2090	2200	2200	2200	2200	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	129	8	100	5	150	50	(1000 MT)	
Oct-Sep Imports	129	8	100	5	150	50	(1000 MT)	
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL SUPPLY	2600	2406	2592	2411	2592	2461	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	8	100	50	100	50	50	(1000 MT)	
Oct-Sep Exports	8	100	50	100	50	50	(1000 MT)	
Feed Dom. Consumption	2200	1900	2200	1900	2250	1900	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	2300	2100	2300	2100	2350	2200	(1000 MT)	
Ending Stocks	292	206	242	211	192	211	(1000 MT)	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2600	2406	2592	2411	2592	2461	(1000 MT)	